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INTRODUCTION.

As explained in this introduction during 1914 the MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW now takes the place of the Bulletin of the Mount Weather Observatory and of the voluminous publication of the climatological service of the Weather Bureau. The MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW contains contributions from the research staff of the Weather Bureau and also special contributions of a general character in any branch of meteorology and climatology.

SUPPLEMENTS to the MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW are published from time to time.

The climatological service of the Weather Bureau is maintained in all its essential features, but its publications, so far as they relate to purely local conditions, are incorporated in the monthly reports "Climatological Data," for the respective States, Territories, and colonies.

Since August, 1915, the material for the MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW has been prepared and classified in accordance with the following sections:

SECTION 1.—*Aerology*.—Data and discussions relative to the free atmosphere.

SECTION 2.—*General meteorology*.—Special contributions by any competent student bearing on any branch of meteorology and climatology, theoretical or otherwise.

SECTION 3.—*Forecasts and general conditions of the atmosphere*.

SECTION 4.—*Rivers and floods*.

SECTION 5.—*Seismology*.—Results of observations by Weather Bureau observers and others as reported to the Washington office.

SECTION 6.—*Bibliography*.—Recent additions to the Weather Bureau library; recent papers bearing on meteorology.

SECTION 7.—*Weather of the month*.—Summary of local weather conditions; climatological data from regular Weather Bureau stations; tables of accumulated and excessive precipitation; data furnished by the Canadian

Meteorological Service; monthly charts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, the same as hitherto; Meteorological Summary and chart No. 9 of the North Atlantic Ocean for this month in 1917. Owing to the fact that ocean meteorological data are frequently not available for a considerable time after the close of the month to which they relate, the chart and text matter in connection therewith appear one year later.

In general, appropriate officials prepare the seven sections above enumerated; but *all students of meteorology and climatology are cordially invited to contribute such additional articles as seem to be of value*.

The voluminous tables of data and text relative to local climatological conditions, that during recent years were prepared by the 12 respective "district editors," are omitted from the MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW, but are collected and published by States at selected section centers. (See cover, p. 3.)

The data needed in section 7 can only be collected and prepared several weeks after the close of the month designated on the title-page; hence the REVIEW as a whole can issue from the press only within about eight weeks from the end of the month.

It is hoped that the meteorological data hitherto contributed by numerous independent services will continue as in the past. Our thanks are due especially to the directors and superintendent of the following:

The Meteorological Service of the Dominion of Canada.

The Meteorological Service of Cuba.

The Meteorological Observatory of Belen College, Habana.

The Government Meteorological Office of Jamaica.

The Meteorological Service of the Azores.

The Meteorological Office, London.

The Danish Meteorological Institute.

The Physical Central Observatory, Petrograd.

The Philippine Weather Bureau.

The Weather Bureau desires that the MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW shall be a medium of publication for contributions within its field, but such publication is not to be construed as official approval of the views expressed.